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October 20, 2022

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Administrator Regan,

We respectfully urge the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue a 30-day extension for the public comment period for the proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri in the lawsuit entitled *United States and the State of Missouri v. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri.*, Civil Action No. 22-cv-1038.

While sources of contaminants such as cis-1,2 DCE and vinyl chloride have been found near the Findett/Hayford Bridge Road Superfund site off and on for a number of years, the EPA has recently identified newly elevated contamination levels in the same vicinity near well number PZ-11. Specifically, cis-1,2 DCE and vinyl chloride levels have been found to be as high as 80 ppb (0.08 ppm) and 20 ppb (0.02 ppm)¹. This is very concerning given that the current EPA standards for cis-1,2 DCE and vinyl chloride are 0.07 ppm and 0.002 ppm respectfully.²

Given the close proximity in location of the newly discovered area of elevated contaminants to the original sites of contamination, we also respectfully request that EPA provide answers (in writing) for the following:

- 1) Has the EPA found the source of the contaminants around well number PZ-11?
- 2) What does this Consent Decree do to properly address the new investigation to determine the source of the contaminant around well number PZ-11?
- 3) If the Consent Decree does not address the on-going investigation around well number PZ-11, what actions is the EPA taking to ensure the safety of the drinking water supply?
- 4) Have you alerted the public regarding the newly identified contamination around well number PZ-11? If not, what public outreach do you intend to do regarding this issue?
- 5) Are the current cis-1,2 DCE and vinyl chloride levels around well PZ-11 safe for drinking?

¹ U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, SUPERFUND SITE: FINDETT CORP. ST. CHARLES, MO CLEANUP ACTIVITIES, *available at*

<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.cleanup&id=0700845#Status>.

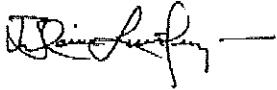
² U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, GROUND WATER AND DRINKING WATER: NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS (Jan. 26, 2022), *available at*

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/national-primary-drinking-water-regulations#two>.

The newly identified contamination near well number PZ-11 necessitates thorough and analytical consideration. For the public and relevant stakeholders to provide substantive comments based on sound reasoning and scientific evidence, we request the immediate extension of this comment period and look forward to your response.

Thank you for your consideration.

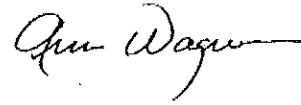
Sincerely,



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CC: Meg McCollister, Regional Administrator for EPA Region 7